

REMARKS

As an initial matter, the drawings were objected to as allegedly failing to show threaded aperture (96) as described in the specification. Applicants can not agree. Figure 7 contains the reference numeral 96 and a lead line connecting the reference numeral with the threaded aperture, as described in the specification. For the Examiner's convenience, a sheet containing Figure 7 is attached with the lead line connecting the reference numeral 96 with the aperture highlighted in red. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Paragraph [0036] is amended to correct an obvious typographical mistake in the use of reference numeral 92, when it should have been numeral 94. The correction is obvious from the drawings and the rest of the paragraph. No new matter is introduced and the amendment should be entered.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 14-18, 20, and 21 were rejected as being anticipated by Orrico. Claims 1, 20 and 21 have been amended to recite that the lever is rotatable in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis. Support for this amendment can be found in the figures and in at least paragraph [0028]. Orrico does not teach or suggest such a feature. In fact, the device of Orrico would not operate as intended if its lever were rotatable in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

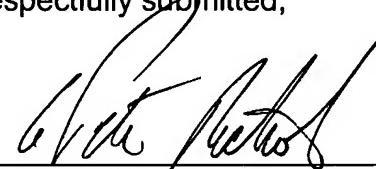
Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 12, 14-16, 20, and 21 have been rejected as being obvious in view of McCarthy and Glass. Claims 20 and 21 have been amended to incorporate the features of claim 17 (and those claims from which it depends, i.e., 16 and 14). Accordingly, these claims are allowable and notification to that effect is requested.

With respect to claims 1-3, 8, 9, 12, and 14-16, the Examiner recognizes that McCarthy does not teach a first cam surface cooperating with a second cam surface that is rotationally fixed to the housing. The Examiner, however, looks to Glass and argues that it would have been obvious to have modified McCarthy to incorporate the lever of Glass. While Glass teaches a cam device, Glass does not teach or suggest providing a second cam that is rotationally fixed for limited axial translation relative to the housing. Neither McCarthy nor Glass, alone or in combination, teach or suggest this feature. Accordingly, their combination does not render obvious the present claims.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

It is believed that all the claims are allowable and Applicants request notification to that effect. If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the above amendments and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

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